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REP. NORMAN Y. MINETA
SAN JOSE OFFICE
6 January 1981

The Honorable Norman Y. Mineta
1245 Winchester Blvd.
San Jose, California

Dear Mr. Mineta,

I am chairman of group 62 of Amnesty International, the 1977 Nobel Prize winning human rights organization.

Group 62 has recently adopted an Argentinian "prisoner of conscience", Eduardo Antonio Czainik.

Since the March, 1976 coup by the military junta, fifteen thousand Argentinians are estimated to have disappeared after arrest by the police, security forces or parapolice. Many have been killed and others brutally tortured in secret concentration camps. Eduardo Antonio Czainik is one of the "desaparecidos".

The details of Eduardo's case are as follows:

I.D. # 7.594.983

Age 34 Born April 27, 1947

Arrest August 25, 1977 in Buenos Aires

Writs of habeas corpus have been filed

Other details are available, but could endanger other family members living in Buenos Aires. These are the facts relevant for the Argentine government.

Our group would like to request that you use your office to write to two Argentine officials requesting an investigation of Eduardo's arrest and his whereabouts. It is important that Amnesty International is not mentioned in your correspondence.

Many personal letters from our group members have gone unanswered. In the past, before our group adopted Eduardo, the Argentine government claimed to have no knowledge of Eduardo's existence.

We are most grateful to you for any help you can give us. Please feel free to contact me for any further information.

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Yours most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne C. Miller".

Anne C. Miller, chairman
AIUSA #62

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